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NEWS AND VIEWS

SPANISH CAVES EXPLORATION - JULY 1984

"Mountain Bob" Leasure and Denver police officer Carl Scavo met this past winter in my home and began mapping out a strategy to explore the famous, mysterious, legendary Spanish Caves hidden high in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains some 15 miles south of Westcliffe. Back in the summer of 1982 "Mountain Bob" pitched a camp up there and spent 2 months investigating those caves. "In my opinion," states Mountain Bob, "most of what I've read about these caves is frequently fictitious and exaggerated. The reality of the caves is much more fascinating than some of the accounts I've read. For example, the phenomena of a large snow formation in the cave of the winds, the peculiar sounds, the labyrinths and large chambers, rock formations, etc." It is at least three miles by foot or horseback from the nearest road into the area of the caves. "If we are going to explore these caves this summer, then we should do it right!" exclaims Mountain Bob. "I have already made up 500 feet of STURDY rope ladder in 50 feet sections. We need to round up a good portable generator, and a system of wires to string some lights in the caves we choose to concentrate on. When I was up there two years ago I found 11 different cave openings. Because some of these caves go down at such a steep incline, we should have a good hand winch with 500 feet or so of airplane cable or something of similar strength. This would be attached to whoever goes down the ladder, so that in case he slips or gets a cramp or something, we can get him back up. And just maybe we will find something at the bottom of some cave that we would want to retrieve with the winch. Then there is the matter of stocking up a good base camp at timberline a quarter of a mile or so below the caves. And it would sure be nice to find someone to be our camp cook."

"I think I know where I can borrow a portable video camera to take with us," remarks Carl Scavo. "And my three sons in the Navy are planning to take their leaves in July. This will be an outing together to remember."

Plans are to rendezvous in the Westcliffe area the first week in July and head up to the base camp (which Mountain Bob will have already set up) shortly after July 4th. "It will probably be a two week operation anyhow," both Mountain Bob and Officer Scavo agreed. If anyone wants to join us, we would hope that they would be willing to contribute somehow. We need to raise some money to buy a drill, pay for grub, etc.

NATURE-ALL & MRT

At the end of January while visiting with Mrs. Jan Bollinger, mother of 16 children in Olathe, Colorado, I became a little curious to learn more about a certain muscle response test she told me she had had and about the relatively inexpensive nutritional supplements that seemed to be doing her so much good. So I had her call and make an appointment for me to have the half hour test the next day in nearby Montrose. For the $5 cost of the test, I figured I couldn't loose that much, and I could see whether this muscle response testing (MRT) would come up with similar results to the recent hair analysis I had obtained by mail from Arizona (cf. back page of issue No. 36 SDCN). Well, it did, and I hadn't told the lady giving the test that I had had a hair analysis test or anything until after she explained to me her findings. I was luckily then able to arrange to spend another 3 hours with her and others in an afternoon training session they were conducting that day. What I saw and learned made enough sense to me that I signed up as a distributer for Nature-All, with Jan Bollinger being my sponsor. I also purchased a test kit so that I could do the testing myself. As a supplement to this newsletter I am including two interesting and informative flyers on the subject which I think you will find most worthwhile to take the time to read. If this wets your appetite to know more about the testing procedure, supplements or distributor program, send me $2 and I'll mail you a nice little packet.

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Finally it looks like I'll have to part with ol' "Zeke." He has climbed over some of the roughest roads in our mountains and has 4 new tires on. I can't afford to license and insure him every year, and I want to get out of debt and be able to pay for this issue of the SDCN. Price $995 (Was $1500) He is a 1941 Chevy ¾ ton 5 speed.

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ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

One of the best spiritual reading books available today is THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX. What a great Saint she is! She almost died when she was ten, but was cured when Our Blessed Mother smiled upon her. She learned some important lessons of life at an early age. Note the wisdom conveyed in just one of so many beautiful paragraphs in her autobiography:

"Now I will go on with my story where I left off. Three months after I was cured, Daddy took us on a trip to Alencon. It was the first time I'd been back there and I was overjoyed to see again the places where I'd spent my early childhood. During this visit to Alencon I made what I can call my first appearance in the world. I was surrounded with gaiety and pleasure and was entertained, pampered, and generally made much of. For a fortnight my path was strewn with flowers, and I must confess that this life was not without its attractions for me. How right the Book of Wisdom is when it says: 'Such witchery evil has, to tarnish honour.' When one is ten, one is easily dazzled, so I think it is a great grace that we left Alencon, as our friends there were too worldly and too clever at mixing the pleasures of the world with the service of God. They scarcely gave a thought to death, and yet death has called many of the people I knew and they were young and rich and happy. I like to think of the charming surroundings in which they lived and to wonder where they themselves are now and of what use to them are their chateaux and their gardens where I saw them enjoying the good things of life. And I knew that all is fleeting that we cherish here under the sun. The only good thing is to love God with all one's heart and to stay poor in spirit."

Last spring "Mountain Bob" Leasure helped me put in a sidewalk and patio behind my house.

Jack Harrington and Rev. Craig Lewis also lended a hand as I had two concrete walkways poured in my garden area.

A lot of snow fell in Colorado again this winter. About 150 percent of normal in the Sangre de Cristo mountains. Alice & Rudy Horinek, ages 73 & 75, scooping away in front of their home in the Denver area Christmas Day, 1982.

OVERHEARD

Office worker explaining bandaged hand: "I did it opening the child-proof cap on a bottle of aspirins."

Delegation of employees to department head: "What's this new rule that you've got to be ill to take a day off sick?"

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Sister Magdalene (Agnes Talbot) Third Order of St. Francis, from central Florida. Reception October 24, 1983.

This lovely antique wood stove has been gracing my kitchen these past 10 years. I'm selling it now since I need the space and the money. Price $995.

Editor's note: Below is a copy of an ad I received last spring about a urine and saliva analysis that can be done through the mail. I mailed an analysis in last May and received a nice computer printout which was quite similar to the results I had obtained from an earlier hair analysis from Arizona.

I am including this and other health related information in my newsletter for the benefit of those who have asked me where they can get some worthwhile information to assist them in either getting well or staying well. So many of our people are being ripped off by doctors and hospitals (not that they don't do good sometimes--but from what I've seen and heard I've learned to really mistrust them) that it is no wonder they are finding much more effective and a whole lot less expensive remedies elsewhere.

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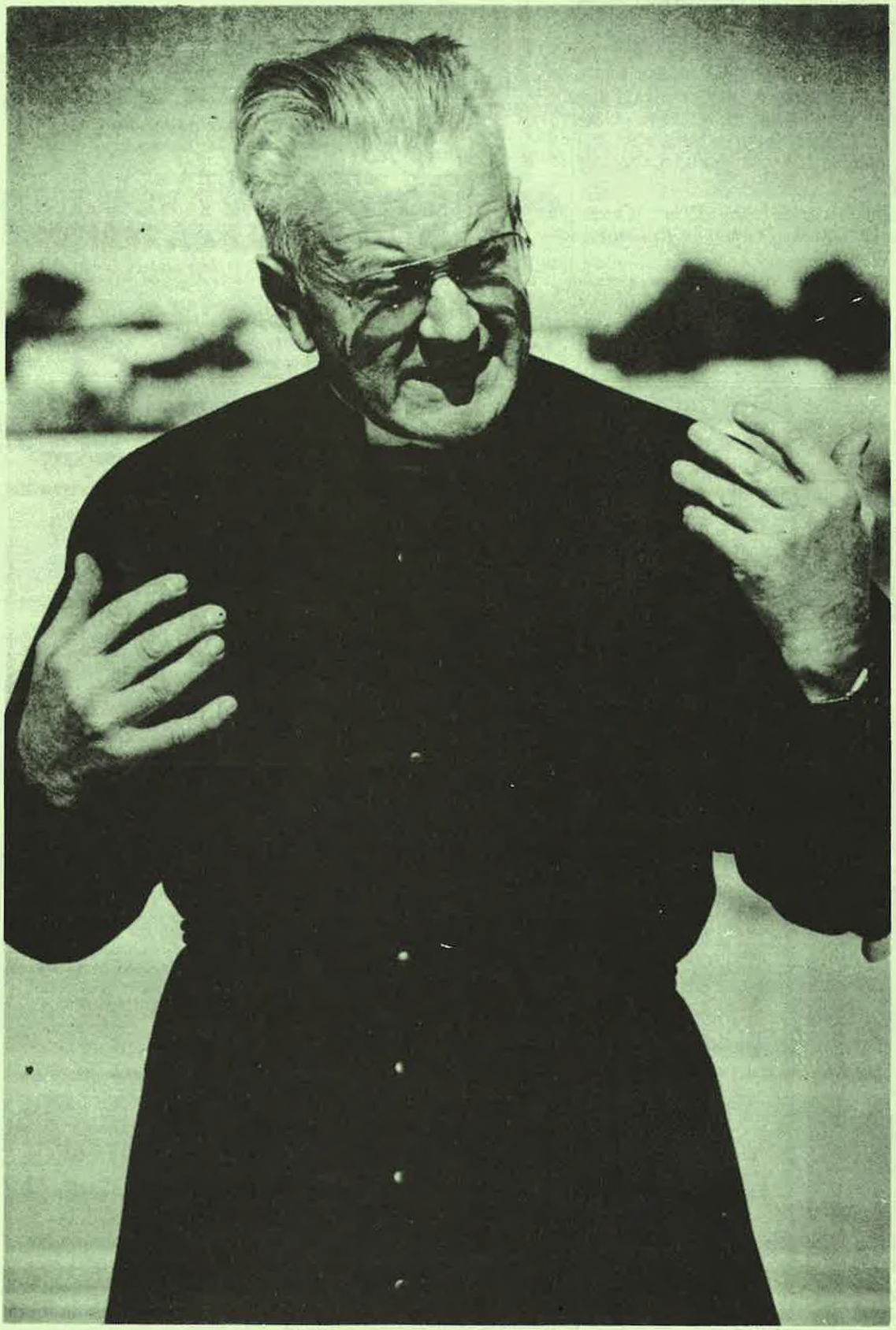

REV. FRANCIS LEBLANC

SACRED TRADITION

Catholic priest struggles to banish 'devil's smoke' from changing church

By PAT KOSSAN
Emphasis Editor

Francis LeBlanc is driving a Rolls Royce to heaven and refuses to trade it in for a Volkswagen.

LeBlanc is a fiery, gray-haired Roman Catholic priest who uses that analogy to explain why he continues to say the traditional Latin Mass.

The Latin Mass has been obsolete in his church for almost 20 years.

IN 1965, THE SECOND Vatican Council allowed the prayers of the Catholic Mass to be said in the language of the people attending.

In 1969 the text of a "new Mass" was published, replacing the traditional Latin version that had dominated the church's liturgy since 1570.

Pope John XXXIII, who led the Second Vatican Council, was fond of saying that the changes "opened the window and let in fresh air."

"It certainly did let in fresh air," retorted LeBlanc, "and the devil's smoke, too."

NOW LEBLANC, who celebrates the traditional Latin Mass for more than 50 Sun City-area Catholics each Sunday in Sunland Mausoleum, is locked in battle with local Catholic leaders and pastors.

The Latin Mass, when celebrated by an ordained Catholic priest, is considered valid by the church but is now outside the bounds of official Catholic precedure.

Confusion as to the legitimacy of the Latin Mass and the status of Catholics who prefer the old to the new has created a dissident faction.

This faction is led and encouraged by priests like LeBlanc.

THE BATTLE PUTS spark in LeBlanc's eyes and a roar in his voice.

"The one true God does not change," said LeBlanc as he threw his hands over his head.

LeBlanc feels changes in the Catholic Church were meant to please the people and not God.

"I'm here to please one God," said LeBlanc. "I'm not here to please you or the people."

IN A PREPARED statement about his desire to continue to say the Latin Mass, LeBlanc points out that "using a language other than that of the street and market place sets the Mass apart from our mundane activities, lends it a sacred character. Using a language that is no longer evolving ensures that the texts won't mean something different next year."

He went on to say that those who continue to participate in the Latin Mass "seek holiness through the same practices the saints have used."

He blames the updating of the Catholic Church for the sharp increase in the number of nuns leaving the convent and priests forsaking their vows; for declining numbers of students in seminaries and an exodus of young people from the Catholic faith.

Along with the "new Mass" LeBlanc raged against those contemporary priests who continue to lead the church.

"MANY PRIESTS ARE not read, don't pray, don't continue studies in theology."

The 59-year-old priest leapt from his chair when he told the story of a priest who conducted a funeral.

"He had on a Hawaiian shirt, tan pants and brown shoes and threw an alb (a priest's ceremonial vestment) over the whole thing.

"Where are we going?" Father LeBlanc asked over and over.

THE PRIEST BALKS at his nickname of "rebel priest."

"Father Andrew Greeley (best-selling author) of Chicago has written the filthiest books I've ever read," said LeBlanc as he pointed to his shelves packed with reading material that overflows onto his coffee table and over his couch. "And they call ME the rebel priest. Now he's given a million and a quarter to the University of Chicago for a Department of Catholic Studies.

"Imagine, accepting money made out of filth," continued LeBlanc. "It's time to clean the church's kitchen. Where are we going?"

Father LeBlanc has taken it upon himself to continue the training of a young seminarian who prefers the traditional teachings of the church.

BUT LEBLANC CANNOT ordain the young man; only a bishop can. The search is now on for a bishop willing to step outside the officially sanctioned church procedure and ordain the young man into the priesthood.

"We have no commitment from a bishop yet," said Dan Leggin, who is confident he will find one. "It's a worldwide search."

LeBlanc was one of 11 children born on a small village farm in New Brunswick, Canada. His family walked 1½ miles to church each Sunday and holy day.

He studied with the Holy Cross fathers at St. Joseph's University and with the Udis Fathers in Novia Scotia.

LEBLANC WAS ASSISTANT pastor and then pastor of several New Brunswick parishes until he was asked to become a chaplain in the U.S. Army.

"There was a shortage of Catholic priests there," he said with what remains of his French-Canadian accent. The move didn't bother the servant of God.

"It doesn't matter where I am. Wherever there are souls—if Christ wants me there I'm ready."

An accident that did major damage to LeBlanc's back ended his army mission in 1965. He spent the next 15 years in and out of hospitals.

IN 1980 HE SURVIVED an operation for brain cancer. The odds for pulling through, said the priest, were five out of 100.

He retired to Country Meadows that year.

"I believe Christ is leaving me on here for a few years to do this job," said LeBlanc.

"This job," he believes, is to bring the Catholic Church back to a century-old tradition—a tradition that to him is sacred.

Says Mass in Latin

The Phoenix Gazette

Priest defies church

By Michael Murphy
The Phoenix Gazette

A religious battle is brewing at the Rev. Francis L. LeBlanc's home in Peoria.

There, 15 miles west of Phoenix, the Roman Catholic priest and his followers have united to fight other priests and laymen, if necessary, to maintain their hold on tradition.

LeBlanc, a retired military chaplain, is part of a group of Valley Catholics that celebrates the Tridentine Latin Mass, which was banned from diocese churches after Vatican II.

To keep the Mass alive, LeBlanc has asked the Vatican for permission to sue fellow priests who he contends have attempted to block him from saying the Mass in Scottsdale.

If he doesn't receive a reply by May 1, LeBlanc says, he will pursue a class-action civil lawsuit against the priests and possibly Bishop Thomas O'Brien.

"Somebody's got to stand up for Christ's teachings," LeBlanc, 58, said.

The action, the priest added, would be based on his First Amendment rights to freedom of religion.

To LeBlanc and his followers, however, the battle between the old and new church has a deeper meaning, one he said affects the future of Catholicism.

"I'm the Catholic Church," LeBlanc said. "When God will strike, we will be the remnant left."

LeBlanc has been saying the Mass for 33 years, since he was ordained April 30, 1950. He attended Holy Heart Seminary in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

According to LeBlanc, more than 150 people attend the Mass in Sun City and 60 to 75 people have been going to his services in Scottsdale.

"They're disgusted to see the devil taking over the church of Christ," LeBlanc said. "We're disgusted with practically the whole structure (of the church)."

He began celebrating the Latin Mass at a chapel in Sun City last summer. The Rev. Cornelius Gallagher of Sun City had been saying Mass

Francis L. LeBlanc

at the retirement community for about three years, but stepped aside because of ill health.

In January, LeBlanc began saying the Mass at Green Acres Mortuaries, Cemetery and Mausoleum in Scottsdale at the invitation of the mortuary's owner.

LeBlanc said he learned last month that four Catholic churches in Scottsdale had threatened to boycott the mortuary if he continued saying Mass there.

Although the Rev. L.A. Sigman of St. Daniel the Prophet in Scottsdale — one of the churches LeBlanc says threatened the boycott — declined comment, a March 6 church newsletter said:

"That Mass is not a Catholic Mass, for it is being held without the permission of the Bishop of Phoenix and is not in union with the Pope and the Catholic Church.

"Catholics should not attend, for to do so would be to support something which is against the teachings of the church," the newsletter added.

Tom Allt, executive director of the Arizona Catholic Conference, said that unless LeBlanc files suit against the diocese, church officials probably will stay out of the melee.

"There's been no effort to stop them or slow them down," he said of LeBlanc and other priests who say the Latin Mass. "The church makes no effort to interfere with them."

Still, LeBlanc and other priests who celebrate the Latin Mass are considered dissidents by the church, which banned the Tridentine Mass during the 1960s.

To LeBlanc, that label represents his belief that most Catholics have "forgotten God" by rejecting the Latin Mass — which he says is the heart of the church.

"If I'm supposed to be a dissident, I'll be a dissident of Christ," he said. "I'm doing everything in greatest reverence to God and now they're attacking me."

LeBlanc said he has three bachelor's degrees, four master's degrees and two doctorates in a variety of subjects, including philosophy, theology, arts, music and business.

For seven years, LeBlanc said, he

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worked in Los Angeles rehabilitating heroin addicts and alcoholics in a methadone treatment program.

He was discharged as an Army priest in 1965 because of physical ailments.

Now, the priest claims he has taken on a fight to curb the deterioration of the church that he says began with Vatican II.

"It's time for us to clean our kitchen and take care of Christ in the Catholic Church," he said. "Somebody has to chase the devil out.

"There's one thing you must keep in mind," he said. "We have Christ and the blessed Virgin Mary. Nobody can fight Christ or the blessed Virgin Mary."

LeBlanc contends the Catholicism has been tainted by Freemasons and communists, whose "principal aim" is to destroy the church.

"We have a godless race," LeBlanc said. "Our priests and bishops are being engulfed in that materialistic attitude."

The priest and his followers, LeBlanc maintains, are the "remnant," those who have stuck to the traditional beliefs of Catholicism.

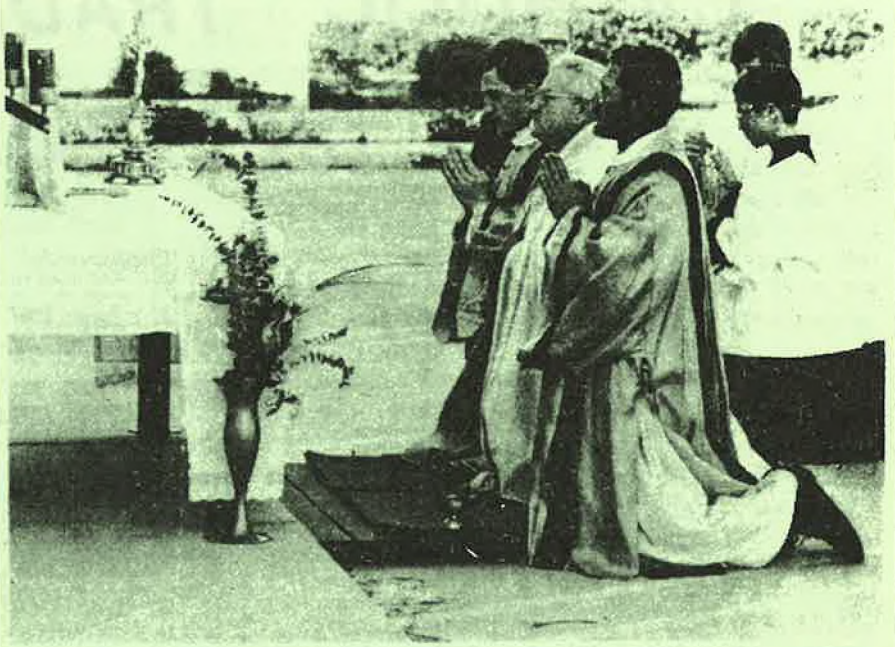
"The devil's right there," he said of the church and its members. "They have forgotten God."

In fact, LeBlanc likens his dilemma to the biblical story of Noah and his ark, which carried the true believers away from destruction.

"Christ does not change," he said. "And God is the only one that I will obey through blind obedience — nobody else.

"Today, God is working right on our side," LeBlanc added. "Things are really going the way I hoped."

The priest said he has received offers for alternative locations to celebrate the Latin Mass in Scottsdale and Mesa.



Father Francis LeBlanc leads the newly organized Friends of the Sisters in prayer during benediction service Sunday outside the controversial Carmelite monastery in Peoria. (News-Sun photo by M.J. Hoppes)

In February of this year I preached and offered Sunday Mass in Fr. LeBlanc's 2 Missions. I also assisted him at Benediction outside a new Carmelite monastery near his home. There is hope that the U.S. may soon have a fully traditional Carmelite monastery. The monastery has 2 professed nuns and 2 novices, with several potential postulants waiting in the wings if it returns to the traditional Mass.

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APOLOGY TO CORRESPONDENTS

See article on next page.

I am very grateful for the letters I have been receiving from people interested in the Directory (especially, of course, for those containing information, corrections, suggestions, or other kinds of assistance with its publishing), and sincerely apologize for having been unable to answer them promptly or at all. The reason is that every postal day I get more letters (including specific inquiries, requests for comments and advices, etc.) than I could possibly answer even if I had absolutely nothing else to do. Even when I select only the most urgent, important and deserving ones for a reply, and even though I work every night at least till 4 a.m. (while having to get up before 7 a.m. for my first morning class and returning home around 10:30 p.m. after my evening class on another campus), I am falling farther and farther behind. I skipped the Summer 1983 edition of the Directory hoping to catch up, but my correspondence is still several months past due.

Consequently,, in order to continue the daily work on the Directory (expediting orders, going through scores of publications from all around the world in search of material for the Directory, entering new information on master sheets, etc.), to avoid being fired for neglecting my occupational duties (following domestic and foreign professional literature, preparing lectures, attending meetings and conventions, writing reports and articles, correcting student's papers, etc.), and to prevent estrangement from my family (especially my four teenagers need attention which they have not been getting from me for quite some time), I am compelled to give up my determination to answer your letters, even if only after several months of delay, yet before my retirement (or else, my doctor assures me, I shall not live long enough to retire).

Directory orders shall continue to be expedited promptly whenever available and I am not out of town, but, regrettably, that is all I will be able to do about my correspondence. I am very sorry and beg your forgiveness, but please don't let it discourage you from sending further information, updates, etc.! Without them the Directory could not be published!

Thank you very much for your kind understanding and further cooperation. May your prayers be answered - if not letters!

The Editor

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Editor's note: Several years ago I went to St. Louis where I met and visited with Mr. Jansky! He was most cordial and went out of his way to help me and some of the parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Chapel in Aurora, CO to obtain in the St. Louis area and move to Colorado several large marble statues, school desks and other religious articles. Since the fall of 1968 he has put out a very helpful and useful Catholic Mass Directory. It is now a quarterly publication. Although he doesn't charge for it, if you want a sample copy, I suggest you send him $2.00; and if you want to be put on his mailing list, try to send him at least $10 a year.

Below I am reproducing his Nov. 1, 1983 Directory. Professor Jansky's excellent account of the Directory's origin, purpose and use.

ABOUT THE ORIGIN, PURPOSE AND USE OF THIS DIRECTORY

The compilation of this Directory was begun in the Fall of 1968 by the CNCA [Czechoslovak National Council of America] in St. Louis, Mo., as a service to Catholic Refugees who were fleeing from Czechoslovakia after the Soviet occupation of their country in that year. Naturally, most of them did not know any Western language, felt lost and isolated as homeless strangers everywhere, and a Catholic Church with its universal Latin liturgy, well known and unchanged for centuries, was for them the only place where they could and did feel at home in any country throughout the world.

I was put in charge of compiling and editing the Directory, entitled at first simply "The Latin Mass Directory." In the years 1948-50 I had worked for the IRO, an international organization for the resettlement of post-World War II refugees and displaced persons, and I remembered the tremendous psychological importance which the universal Latin Mass had for them. The major problem of those uprooted people was usually not unemployment and hunger [though most of them were unemployed and hungry], but the feeling of alienation. No matter how long they might have lived in a foreign country and however well they had mastered the grammar and the vocabulary of its language, they knew that as soon as they opened their mouth, everybody recognized at least by their accent or intonation that they were aliens.

In the post-war years, the refugees who adjusted best and fastest to their new environment were those of the Western rite of the Roman Catholic faith. Their attendance at a Latin Mass, i.e., being in communion with many local people during a ritual with a language that was equally everybody's and nobody's exclusively own, provided the best imaginable psychological therapy and remedy for their feelings of alienation and depression, restored their peace of mind, and enabled them to face again the "foreign world" outside positively and without despair. I have seen a number of non-Catholics [familiar particularly with the Missa Solemnis from radio, symphonic and choral performances, weddings of their friends, etc.] converting to Catholicism for that very reason. They concluded that the Roman Catholic Church must be indeed the True Church of God if He, in His infinite love and timeless providence, had prepared for them already centuries ago, through the Council of Trent and the Quo Primum decree of Pope St. Pius V, that which they needed most in their present tribulation. Anyone who is aware of the millions of refugees, displaced and homeless persons, and migrant workers [not to mention tourists, business and diplomatic representatives, researchers, participants in international conventions of all kinds, etc.] all over the contemporary world, can easily see that at no time in human history was the need for a universal and uniform liturgy in a non-national language as great and urgent as in this modern age. And only Satan, certainly not God or the Holy Ghost, could want to increase needlessly the mental distress of those people by depriving them of this unique source of spiritual consolation, and drive them toward alcohol or drugs instead.

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The refugees of the late 1960's were not as fortunate as the earlier ones. Upon their arrival in the West, most of them were eager to go to church, especially when at home in Eastern Europe they had been able to do so often only with great difficulties and at considerable existential risk for themselves and their families. Yet they were returning from the new vernacular "celebration of the Last Supper" even more depressed than before, complaining that they did not find there the God "qui laetificabat iuventutem eorum," that apparently even God exiled them when they left their homeland, and that they felt, despite the new routine handshake, more alien and isolated during the strange and incomprehensible ceremony, differing often from diocese to diocese or even from parish to parish, than they did outside of the Church. And in many cases they never went again, finding more communality in bars and taverns. The traditional Latin-vernacular Missals were still available in their own languages from their ethnic mission houses in Rome or elsewhere, but not so the traditional Masses.

Therefore, the CNCA in St. Louis tried to get any information it could about churches which were still retaining the Latin Mass, to publish a Directory of such churches and to make it available [at no cost] to refugees and immigrants from Czechoslovakia. But some of the recipients showed it apparently also to other people. I began receiving requests for more copies not only from Czechoslovak emigrants, but also from political refugees of various other nationalities, from migrant workers, tourists, exchange students and many other people travelling or staying outside of their native countries for various reasons. And soon I had also an ever-increasing flood of letters from people who lived in their homelands, but in parishes without any Latin Mass, who were disgusted with the emptiness, irreverence and meaninglessness of the new liturgical experiments and wanted to know if there was any really Catholic Mass within their reach. Often their letters showed so much spiritual anguish and suffering that only a heartless, subhuman sadist could turn a deaf ear to their pleas.

Unfortunately, since the statutes of the CNCA which qualify it as a charitable organization restrict its services to refugees or immigrants of Czechoslovak descent, the Directory, as long as it was sponsored by the CNCA, could not be made available to so many other people. So I took its further publication and distribution upon myself and at my own expense, knowing from my past experience in the IRO that the money spent on this project would bring more happiness to many people than contributions to some other charitable causes. I included explanations in English [or in any other language with which both I and the prospective recipient happened to be familiar] and started sending the Directory to anybody who asked for it, trying to revise and update it every time I received some new information.

Being a professor at a struggling private college, I have a reasonably satisfactory income [although it is, or course, considerably lower than that of most other qualified people in industry or business, skilled workers, truck drivers, etc.]. However, I also have 6 children of school and pre-school age, and the recurrent expenses with this Directory, especially with the ever-increasing cost of printing and postage, which do affect our home economy perceivably. Nevertheless, I do it gladly. I just cannot ignore the spiritual needs and suffering of so many good people [even though our ecclesiastic shepherds can and do] - I shall keep trying to help them as best and as long as I am able to, and answering every new request for the Directory gives me greater joy than anything I could buy for the money spent on its printing and mailing.

This is probably because I know different kinds of suffering from my personal experience. I was arrested by both the Nazis [my father was executed by them] and the Communists [my mother was sent by them to a concentration camp and died of the consequences, I myself was sentenced to death but managed to escape with the help of the underground]. There and elsewhere I have seen that for many people physical torture is more bearable than spiritual deprivation [which is no new discovery, for scores of Christian martyrs have been bearing witness to it since almost 2,000 years ago]. Thus I can say that those prelates and other clergypersons who are trying to eradicate the traditional Latin Mass are more cruel and cause greater suffering to more people than any Nazi or Communist torturer I have ever seen or heard of. Being a professor of behavioral sciences and not of theology, I try to refrain from passing judgments on complex and strictly theological questions. Yet one of my fields is the Sociology of Religion and even just as a human being, I can speak about human problems. It is inconceivable to me that God would want His Church to cause needlessly so much unnecessary agony and suffering as it does nowadays. Even from a basic human and humanitarian viewpoint, those allegedly Catholic authorities who insist on tormenting and spiritually torturing innumerable faithful by suppressing the traditional Mass, however eloquently they may try to rationalize their destructive fanaticism or scandalously outrageous cynicism, deserve to be sued for mental cruelty. Perhaps some priests or even bishops may still plead blissful ignorance of what they are doing or causing. Yet those who do know, but love their material security or dubious popularitgy among destructive radicals more than the souls entrusted to their pastoral care, or fear their ungodly fanatical and oppressive superiors more than they fear God, ought to ponder to whom they will have to answer eventually for their needless inhumanity toward their brethern in Christ, and whose judgment will be more inescapable and longer lasting.

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January 31, 1984

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Dear Father Jones:

It certainly was a privilege and a pleasure to have had you visit St. Jude Shrine and our home earlier this month. Also, we so appreciate your celebrating the funeral Mass for our uncle, and all that you did for his family.

Father, I have enclosed the article on the Mexican Revolution from the Smithsonian magazine, as I had indicated I would. We Americans are typically fairly ignorant of this historical event; and the article at least identifies some of the major roles. Your friend may appreciate the article if he doesn't already have it.

Please know that I also very much appreciate the opportunity to discuss, to some degree, the issue, or, at least some of my questions, about the Sede Vacante movement or "position." Actually, Father, there is even more in the historical development of my understanding (or lack thereof) of the position, but which I felt would have taken two or three more days to fully relate, time which you certainly did not have. In any event, I do think that I was able to present what are some reasonable questions, regardless of whomever may be asking them. And, in my opinion, the position, or the canonical theory behind the position has never, to my knowledge, been explained officially. Therefore, one is led to, in effect, guess at the canonical theory, and then pose questions along these lines.

In any event, I do appreciate your listening and your input. And, I do believe that you too consider this situation to be most important. And, again, I thank you for your continued efforts to inform sincere Catholics at least about the thinking from various quarters on this issue, through the Sangre de Cristo Newsnotes.

I sincerely hope that it will not be so long a time until we see you again, Father. Denny, Natalie, Mary and I wish you the best in your work, and we ask you to remember us in your prayers.

Respectfully,

Dennis

Dennis Giuffré

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dhr. N. M. Hettinga
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21st July 1983

Reverend and dear Father,

The other day my friend in the Hague - Mr. Parlevliet - and I were having one of our regular "sessions," when the former produced your number 36, March 83, SDCNewsnotes, which he handed to me on the express understanding that I was to return it to him after reading. Read it I did, and - I can honestly tell you - with great interest and delight! All of it [them!]. Father Vida Elmer's on Abbe George de Nantes, I found excellent: indeed, the French variety of Michael Davies. Neither head nor tail, either of them: very vague and hardly ever to the point. His article about Mgr. Thuc leaves much to be desired. I honestly do hope that he is not going to turn out to eventually become the American variety of Abbe Barbara in France! To my mind Father Vida Elmer should beware of disqualifying himself forever, "recognizing" the true shepherds. PRIDE COMES BEFORE THE FALL! He could do with just that little more of humility. If he were to open his eyes wide, he could not escape recognizing them as not only valid bishops, but also bishops that possess the jurisdiction required and inherent. In these apocalyptic times, bishops without "jurisdiction"are no use to us. Christ never thought of "jurisdiction" when he ordained and consecrated his disciples. Jurisdiction is a mere technicality, introduced when the Church became more of an administrative body. Rules had to be set so that bishops should not encroach upon their neighbor's "estate." After the death of Pope Pius XII, Christ must have taken over Himself, because that so-called caretaker John XXIII was only a tool in the hands of Freemasonry and therefore not a free agent. And for that reason, he just could never have been a Pope at all. In this extraordinary situation, Mgr. Thuc was the only one available, after Mgr. Lefebvre had been blackmailed by the Vatican. "They" must have told Marcel Lefebvre that after all - he - at the time - was consecrated a bishop by a freemason, Mgr. Lienart. So he was either no bishop at all or a schismatic one. What if "they" were to spread that rumor all around the world! So that finished Mgr. Marcel Lefebvre and he became an obedient servant of Paul VI. But that same Paul VI could not crush Mgr. Thuc. And - considering there is not a valid and legitimate pope now - Mgr. Thuc can only directly refer to Christ, Who has surely given him everything he needs, "even" "jurisdiction." The letter kills, but the spirit revives! Our times can hardly be in need of "jurisdiction" since there are only a handful of Bishops and they will surely not stand in each others' way or encroach upon each others' "territory." The whole world is their territory, since all the other bishops of the - at one time - Catholic Church, which is now no more than an apostate church [!], have been reduced to a bunch of traitors. Surely that administrative body is not going to saddle us up with "not having received jurisdiction from the Pope," if that individual happens to be no more than an usurper!! EPIKEIA! Father! The laws of the Roman Catholic Church can never have meant to bind her subjects to the extent that they cannot move, that Her Bishops cannot spend the Sacraments, cannot claim obedience! [Father Vida Elmer!] Think of that needle's eye, through which a camel cannot go! If one wants to reign, one must be able to serve first!! I shall write to Father Vida Elmer and try to make him see! I also hope to visit Father Oswald Baker before long.

Dear Father, I wish you all the best and remain your very true friend in Christ and Mary, His Mother.

Nicolaas Maria Ht.

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4th January 1984

Reverend Dear Father Jones,

Please allow me, Father, to first express a wish at the start of this new year that Our Lord may abundantly bless you and your work, so that you will be able to serve Him a long time yet.

Although rather late, I nevertheless want to acknowledge receipt of Number 37 together with your good wishes, which you included by way of a [white] enclosure in which you also stated that my subscription will expire in March. By then I hope you will have received a couple of bucks to keep it going.

From Mr. Parlevliet in the Hague I heard that Number 38 is in the offing, so I'll keep an eye on my letterbox. Among the articles in it that he [Parlevliet] favoured most was, he told me, one by Father J. Vida Elmer, which surprised me not a little because I had always expected Parlevliet to "back" the Bishops consecrated by Mgr. P. M. Ngo-dinh-Thuc. Whereas from Father J. Vida Elmer's articles - as for instance in Numbers 36 and 37 - I had gathered that the latter, if not altogether refusing, at least had his doubts about their jurisdiction. So I am looking forward to Number 38. I hope Father Vida is going to gradually "mollify" his attitude towards them! That would be a great boon because we could use one or two more staunch defenders! Take for instance Father Robert McKenna in Monroe, whose "Catholics Forever" regularly contains interesting and encouraging articles on the subject of "JURISDICTION." It should not be difficult for you to get hold of the last few issues, say starting with Number 10 [July]. Well do I remember that Father McKenna had indeed been wrestling with The Bishops' jurisdiction until it dawned upon him and that was it! His latest articles are really "refreshing;" moreover, you can't get a word in edgeways. His address: Monroe, P. O. Box 283, Connecticut 06468.

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Enclosed you'll find a copy of a note that I sent to about ten priests in Europe I hoped would read it, accompanied by a copy of the letter from Bishops Musey and Vezelis to the traditional priests in the U.S.A., ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS SPEAK. You will have heard of all that. Father Vida Elmer refers to this in your Number 36, page 12. I'll send my little note to Father Vida too, but I'll have to accompany it with an appropriate letter, which will not be easy: I do consider Father Elmer as an authority and I have a high esteem for him.

In your Number 37, Father, there is this article by Bishop Raymond Ruscitto. On page 11 I find his [?] appeal to Catholic Bishops in America. I should think it is high time somebody should approach him in order to tell him that it is absolutely useless to try and convert Karol Wojtyla and his Vatican II gang, if, at least, the Bishop himself is not already beyond conversion and redemption! At best he may be on his way to possible conversion and in that case we can only pray for him. Many of us have at one time or other considered John XXIII, Paul VI, JPI ' II as true popes, until we saw through it all. Now we can only say, referring to ourselves: Let him who is in the truth make sure he does not lose it! I wondered about finding Bishop Ruscitto's article in your NEWSNOTES; I mean it made me wonder how it could have possibly crept into it at all. It was confusing to me; honestly, Father, I had to rub my eyes! Excuse me, Father, for saying so; I do hope you don't really MIND!

Wishing you all the best, that is God's manifold blessings and every good luck. I hope I may look forward to a line from you and remain in the mean time yours very sincerely and respectfully.

Nico Maria Hettinga

Please include Mr. Larry Jamison and the wellbeing of his endeavor in your prayers. I've said a novena to St. Joseph for same. As you may recall, Jamison invented & we are preparing to manufacture an electrical generator which produces more energy than it uses. This assembly installed in home, vehicle, etc. gives energy independence for that use. As you can imagine, Oil Companies are striving mightily to suppress it [they offered Jamison over One Billion Dollars for Patent Rights!] They must think it works [as well it does!]. Public announcement and demonstration is slated for December 15, 1983.

One other comment: I'd like to see some more articles, books, etc. on the Latter Days by Catholic authors. I don't think some of the fundamentalist authors are entirely correct; some of them don't agree with each other either.

Have a Blessed Christmas & Productive New Year.

January 25, 1984

Dear Bob,

Enjoyed hearing from you last month! I will offer the two Masses requested for your late mother-in-law as I can, probably in a month or two. I hope you received the CATHOLICS ASK QUESTIONS okay. I appreciate your subscription renewal.

What a thrill to hear about Mr. Larry Jamison's invention! I hope and pray all goes well and that God and His angels protect and watch over each of you. Our internal enemy wants us to have such a generator as much as they do a cure for cancer or a debt free money system like God demands in the Bible. Please keep me informed of developments. They may try to kill him if they can't stop him by other means, or at least greatly impede him in getting it mass produced.

Prayers and best wishes!

Father Jones

12-6-83

To: Fr. Jones & Staff & All
Sangre de Cristo Newsnotes
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From: Bob Loftus

Dear Father & All,

Just received Issue No. 38 [Sept. "83] - Good Work! "Walk in the Dark" by Evie Spencer was timely; I'd just written a note to Fr. Robert Fox [See back] requesting more information on the operations of angels. If you know of some sources addressing the hi-lited question, let me know.

I've been meaning to order more "Catholics Ask Questions!" since you mentioned you have some. Please send 30 copies [$20 enclosed].

My S.D.C.N. Subscription expires w/No. 38 so am enclosing $20 for 2 years.

JMJ

12-3-83

Dear Fr. Fox,

I read your book OPUS SANCTORUM ANGELORUM with great interest. I am further interested in elaboration of St. Thomas's, Cardinal Newman's and other approved sources' thinking on the agency of the Angels in affecting and controlling physical phenomena [Ref: P5, O.S.A.]. Are Angels the FUNDEMENTAL MOVERS of the physical universe literally?

This is important for a proper understanding of physics. I've been studying Nicola Tesla and others on the fundamental nature of energy which appears to be electrical - the whole universe seems to be built upon a "Sea of Energy" which constitutes the prime matter of physical existence and which is expressed in the form of atoms, electrons, etc. as manifestations of various frequencies and wave lengths.

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Physics may be out of your area of expertise, but I'd appreciate any light you or others can shed on these concepts. Can you suggest sources for further understanding these ideas?

Thanks!

Sincerely,

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January 15, 1984

Dear Father Jones:

To say the least, I was thrilled to receive your telephone call yesterday for more than one reason. I was completely in the dumps. I never felt so low in my life. Only an hour before you called I received a letter from I.R.S. saying that Essential Science, my very life's work, was not considered a religion and I would have to pay taxes for the years 1980-81-82.

I had just finished praying to St. Therese for help when my wife Florence called me to the phone. Certainly your call must have been some form of encouragement from the Little Flower through you for I know of no one who is so devoted to her other than myself.

After our conversation I thanked her for your telephone call and the lift it gave me and asked her if there was any way that you could help me in this crisis without placing you in jeopardy. She said that it would be fine if you could write a "To Whom It May Concern" mentioning my known devotion to the Little Flower and the fact that I have distributed thousands of her pictures to individuals and institutions, you, yourself, having received a thousand.

I am going to include the history of the National Institute of Essential Science in my appeal to the I.R.S. just to show that any religion can be entirely devoted to the desires of a Sainted person as are Catholic orders.

Because I suffer from Tinnitis [ringing of the ears] it is sometimes difficult to understand everything that is said over the phone.

If I have not already thanked you for translating the latin on the enclosed affirmation I do so now.

Thank you for your delightful telephone call and please pray to our dear Little Flower in my behalf. My entire life would be for naught if I could not serve her as she wishes me to do.

Sincerely,

Harry Mead

OBSTACLES IN LIFE

Those many things that bother us
As we live day by day
Are placed there by the Angels
To test our strength, they say,

To see if we can finally overcome
All those obstacles in life
That tend to turn this earthly Heaven
Into a world of sin and strife.

They seek to give us a proper understanding
As they try to guide us on our way
By telling us what's right or wrong
Each minute of the day.

Now, if our conscience fails to listen
And our daily prayers all go unsaid
We'll have to bear an awful consequence
That we are surely bound to dread.

So let us pray for all the help that's offered
And listen close and very well
So the life we live will be a pleasant one
and not a living Hell.

Harry J. T. Mead
December 25, 1983

A SHORT ANSWER TO "UNANSWERED ARGUMENTS"

(Monograph No. 72. Pg. 5.
December 1983.]

In his newsletter CATHOLICS FOREVER, Father McKenna, O. P. wrote more than once about the jurisdiction of the new Thuc bishops. Earlier times, he was negative on this question. Then, he changed his mind. He put forward his reasons for the change, and was waiting for a response from interested priests. In the October 1983 issue of CATHOLICS FOREVER, he mentioned that he had received no response to his reasoning in support of the new bishops' jurisdiction. Therefore, he concludes that traditionalist priests who did not submit themselves to these bishops, are "more concerned about their independence than for the reunifying of the remnant Church."

In my humble opinion, my Monographs No. 62, No. 63 and No. 64 [which were written several months before Fr. McKenna's articles] have already explained that the real reason of priests not joining these bishops was not their "concern for independence", but the attitude itself of these bishops. Taking into consideration the extraordinary state of the Church today, I envisioned voluntary cooperation for the benefit of the faithful. But this did not satisfy these bishops. In complete ignorance of the reality around them, they demanded submission from priests and faithful as well. By this they "blew" the hope for unity under their leadership.

Neither Archbishop Lefebvre, nor Bishop Guerard des Lauriers [in France] have demanded such a submission.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

January 18, 1984

Dear Father,

You have asked me my opinion regarding the jurisdiction of the Bishops stemming from Archbishop Thuc, and I am glad to give it to you for what it's worth. At the same time I would share it with other traditionalist priests, in the hope that if I should be mistaken in my reasoning, one of you may charitably "set me straight" and show me where my error lies.

For the same reason that I believe these Bishops to be legitimately [not only validly but lawfully] consecrated, I believe them to have jurisdiction, and indeed the "Ordinary", or normal, jurisdiction attached to the episcopal order. Namely because of, or by reason of, epikeia.

Epikeia, as explained by St. Thomas [II-IIa, q. 120, a. 1; also I-IIa, q. 94, a. 6] is the virtue that guides one in those cases where a law fails because of its universality, in suchwise that to observe it strictly according to its letter manifestly defeats the "spirit" or very purpose of law to provide for the common good. In such exceptional cases epikeia directs us to disregard the literal sense of the law and be guided rather by the obvious intent of the legislator - the Church, in the case confronting us. [Note needs to be taken of the word "manifestly," as epikeia is by no means a mere interpretation or accomodation of law to suit one's convenience.]

Just as, then, epikeia [as I see it] was rightly used by Archbishop Thuc to provide Bishops for the Church extra-canonically, i.e. without the express papal appointment/authorization normally required, so does it seem to supply also the "Ordinary" [and not merely occasional or transient] jurisdiction that is normally annexed to the bishopric. Unless one is to question the legitimacy - and therefore Apostolic succession - of the Bishops in question, on what grounds is the authority implied in that succession - Ordinary jurisdiction - to be denied them? Is not jurisdiction [power to govern] as much, if not more, the purpose of the episcopacy than its [sacramental] power of Order? Is not this last, indeed, in view of the former? I have in mind here the contention of those who would see in the new Bishops only such jurisdiction as might be involved in their exercise of properly episcopal Orders, such as administering Confirmation or Holy Orders.

The stumbling block for these - who would admit no Ordinary but only a per modum actus jurisdiction in these Bishops - seems to be their lack of any appointment to a determinate diocese, which of course would depend upon an explicit papal election to the bishopric. [I say "explicit" because epikeia amounts in my opinion to a presumed papal appointment: the right and duty by epikeia to actively consecrate Bishops implies passively a permission or appointment to be consecrated on the part of those priests made Bishops.] But it seems to me that just as the supplied-jurisdiction of Canon 209 has, under the extraordinary circumstances, providentially enabled traditionalist priests to hear confessions validly anywhere, so the Ordinary jurisdiction otherwise accounted for by epikeia can be said to be territorially unlimited - not per se but per accidens - until such time as there is a legitimate Pope to assign these extra-canonically ordained Bishops particular dioceses. In the meantime it seems only natural for them themselves to divide [for practical purposes] their jurisdiction.

It may be too that because the jurisdiction of the "epikeia" Bishops comes to them extraordinarily, it is assumed not to be "Ordinary" jurisdiction. But this of course is an equivocation or play on words. Their "extraordinary" - and admittedly "Supplied" jurisdiction [supplied by the Church, not by the consecrating prelate[s]] is yet canonically Ordinary jurisdiction. Or if not, I beg to know of someone, why not?

As for the circumstances of the Church in fact being such as to dispense [by epikeia] from the literal prohibition of the Code for ordaining Bishops without papal appointment or election, I don't see how this can be seriously contested - at least by traditionalist priests aware of the real doubt [if not certainty] as to the valid consecration of Bishops under the new rites, and the consequent grave threat to Apostolic succession continuing - whether or not they be "sedevacantists." For those of us who are, the demand for [or of] epikeia is even more manifest. Were I in Archbishop Thuc's shoes, I too would fear to face Judgment without having done what reasonably seemed within my power to insure the continuation of genuinely Catholic Bishops in Apostolic succession. And I dare say God will be more merciful to him than perhaps those who on earth have condemned him. Nor am I thinking of the Establishment [Vat-II] and its hypocritical excommunication. So what that the first man [or group] that he consecrated proved a mistake? Ought we not correct our mistakes when possible? Anyway it is not my intention here to answer extraneous arguments against the justice of the Archbishop's action or against the jurisdiction of his Bishops. Not that I think they can't all be answered, but I am looking at the whole question of jurisdiction for these Bishops in se. I for one simply see good reason [epikeia] for, and no [longer] any good reason against their enjoying Ordinary jurisdiction. In the same way, I shunt aside the merely personal - or if you will, purely political - objections to the individual Bishops involved. Sound Theology and Faith should alone guide us.

Hoping again, dear Father, for you or some other fellow priest to enlighten me as to any error in my logic, I remain

Fraternally in the Faith,

Fr. Robert McKenna, O.P.

January 23, 1984

Dear and Rev. Father;

Once again I have a collection of news clips to send to you. I trust that there is material of some interest to you among the various clippings.

Since Vatican II and the appearance of the new Conciliar Church, there is developing a great hunger

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among the common person for the Spiritual teachings and Christian discipline that was once the earmark of the CHURCH CATHOLIC. Many of these same people, owing to the divisiveness among all Catholics, have turned to the very churches that have been identified as heretical.

The Laity are so confused over who has "valid" orders and whose orders are not "valid" that they have just turned away from Priestly Ministrations and the Sacraments...following the path of least resistance, swimming downstream instead of against the currents of Ecclesiastical strife. Now, according to the theory of the Apostolic Roman Catholic Church long before Vat. II, there have been many Bishops in the past that brought Valid Holy Orders out of the Church ;and so, according to St. Augustine and the former R. C. Church, those new Bishops and Priests had valid but "irregular" Orders ;and the faithful were taught to avoid those with "irregular" orders. This elitism has only fragmented the mystical body of Christ and helped to scatter the flock. Oh, how Satan must enjoy the confusion wrought by those that took Holy vows! For it serves no ones interest but Satan, to see the squabbling among the Clergy and the confusion among the children of God.

If we learn anything at all, we must learn from the lessons of the past. One of those lessons is that the Traditional Catholics will wither on the vine unless the Bishops involved do some serious homework. To survive the Traditionalists must grow and that growth can only be achieved with a growing priesthood. Even the Conciliar Church is now accepting old men and married men into the Priesthood to fill the void that exists.

It is my judgment that the Traditionalists would make a great forward leap if they recruited additional Bishops and Priests from out of the Old Catholic Movement...because that O. C. Movement is also fragmented...and such a move could make the difference as to whether the traditional movement lives on or withers on the vine, just as so many of the Old Catholic Churches have done. Because right now, the Traditional Catholic Church is, de Facto, an Old Catholic Church.

Yours, In Jesus, Joseph & Mary,

Father Glenn Jensen, RRF

OVERHEARD

"I understand the bank is looking for a cashier."
"I thought they engaged one a month ago."
"He's the one they're looking for."

Woman to psychiatrist friend at dinner party: "Oh, it's such a long, long story. If only I had the money to tell you."

2-7-84

Dear Subscribers,

Over a year ago, Father Jones advertised a series of upcoming articles on the Jews authored by yours truly. I have studied this subject for nearly two years and have come to the conclusion that Catholics truly interested in the Jewish conquest of the Catholic Church need study material from only four sources to fully understand the situation. These works were authored by individuals wiser and better informed than I who have had time and the materials necessary to do this subject justice. The needs of a family have increasingly claimed my time this past year, and rather than slight these needs or forego the research so vital to this question and many others, I've decided to curtail my writing efforts for the time being. I apologize to Father Jones for the inconvenience this must have caused him, and to you the reader, who may have been anticipating this series. A friend recently commented that perhaps it is best not to write when there is such confusion and turmoil in the world, and one's energies are sapped by daily duties alone. I've enjoyed my contact with all of you, and sincerely hope my essays have enlightened rather than confused or angered you. I've enjoyed all your letters as well, whether of criticism or support. [How else would I learn?] I've made many friends these past six years, and, I hope, few enemies. There are some marvelous people among the ranks of faithful Catholics, and I salute you all as brothers in Christ. Hearing from you has gladdened my heart, and reassured me that though we may be scattered, we are yet one in spirit and in hope. I wish for all of you the grace to persevere and the courage to end your time on this earth professing the One True Church of Jesus Christ. May Our Lord and His Blessed Mother comfort you and be with you always.

Sincerely in St. Teresa of Avila,

Teresa L. Benns

Listed below are the various works and their publishers I spoke of in my letter.

1. "THE PLOT AGAINST THE CHURCH," by Maurice Pinay; availble from Sons of Liberty Book Club, P. O. Box 214, Metairie, LA 70004. Ask for book list.

2. Any and all works of Father Denis Fahey, Parkgate Printing Works, Dublin, Ireland.

3. "THE JEWISH PROBLEM AS DEALT WITH BY THE POPES," also available from Sons of Liberty [address above].

4. "THE MEANING OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL," by Harold Schachern; Fides Publishers, Notre Dame, Indiana.

1983 - THE TRAGIC YEAR OF MARTIN LUTHER'S TRIUMPH

When Catholics lose the conviction that theirs is the true Church founded by Our Lord Jesus Christ, inevitably non-Catholics will take advantage of this fact--not simply by declaring themselves equal to Catholics in the possession of truth, but by going beyond that to proclaim their triumph over the true Church. Such is what occurred during the course of 1983, when Protestant throughout the world celebrated the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's birth, and innumerable "ecumenical" Catholics joined them in the celebration. The year 1983 was marked by countless events of this kind, among which the following are outstanding examples: the issuing of a joint document by Lutheran and liberal Catholic theologians on the doctrine of justification, a statement by the U. S. Catholic Conference proclaiming Luther the man who [four centuries after he divided the Christian world!] might provide the inspiration to reunite Christendom, and a gathering honoring Luther in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C.

It is the first of these three events that will be considered in this brief commentary. What did this joint statement by Lutheran and liberal Catholic theologians ultimately represent? What was the new doctrine of "justification" that they agreed upon?

Since the objective behind the joint statement was that of seeking not a common ground for a Catholic-Lutheran theological discussion, but rather a declaration that would favor the Lutheran position but which Catholics might somehow accept, one must begin by asking what Luther himself meant by God's "justification" of the sinner.

In his "A Popular History of the Reformation," Msgr. Philip Hughes was very precise in analyzing Luther's conception of God - which was at the root of his understanding of how God justifies men. Unlike the modern humanist in one respect, Luther thought of himself as being concerned about the rights of God. That is, he realized that because sin is an offense against God, God Himself must have an immense hatred of sin. This obvious fact Luther understood -but from it he drew a false and even blasphemous conclusion. For Luther, God hated sin in such a way that He even willed the eternal damnation of a certain number of souls, denying them the necessary free will to avoid that eternal punishment. That is, by condemning such souls, God would be able to manifest His hatred for sin.

But the Catholic conception of God is very different from this vengeful God of Luther. God, according to Catholic teaching, indeed hates sin - but He loves and has compassion for sinners. God desires the salvation of all men, and therefore He gives each one the possibility, through the free will that Luther denied man, to turn to Him and therefore avoid eternal damnation.

Although many Protestants and liberal Catholics today are no doubt embarrassed by Luther's vengeful notion of God, it would be a mistake to assume that these ideas of vengeance did not somehow inspire, in spite of all, the so-called Lutheran-Catholic joint statement. For the very spirit of the contemporary world is a vengeful one, as is nowhere more evident than in the ruthlessness of atheistic Communism. And the support given to the Luther celebrations by the Communist government of East Germany has made Luther's influence in the contemporary world sufficiently evident. The vengeful deity of Luther has triumphed in present-day society. But rather than being a cause for despair, this fact is evidence that the merciful God of Catholicism will soon manifest Himself - in the ways marvelously foretold by Our Lady at Fatima.

John Parrot

MASONRY

"Masonry is one everywhere, not in rite, for such unity is merely accidental; nor in jurisdiction, for this, likewise, is a mere matter of convenience; nor one among its EXOTERIC members, for these are ill-instructed in the doctrines of the craft; but it is one in its true and ESOTERIC spirit; it is one in its aim and object; one in its light and doctrines; one in its philosophy and religion; thus forming one family, one craft, one instituiion, one brotherhood, one order, one world; aiming in its catholicity to substitute itself for the Catholicity established by Christ."--Arthur Pruess, editor of the Catholic FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW [of St. Louis] in A STUDY OF AMERICAN FREEMASONRY; B. Herder Co., St. Louis, Missouri 1908, p. 411.

1-3-84

Dear Father Jones,

If only we had somewhere in this area a real Catholic church!

From the time I was in the 2nd thru the 7th grade I was an Altar boy. After WWII, when I married, I was an usher at 2 Masses each Sunday for over 15 years.

The wife & I raised 9 children, [1 Grandson] put them all through Catholic school and most thru Catholic H. S.

It tears me apart to see the Sacred Host treated with less respect than a poker chip gets--at what they call Mass today! They have women passing out communion--I think back to when I was an altar boy--1930 to 1937--we would have died before we would have desecrated a consecrated host by touching it!

Oh well, what is one to do? It is with heavy hearts we approach our old age--.

God bless you in your efforts.

Yours,

Daniel J. Riehle

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

December 11, 1973

Dear Father Jones:

Your 3 tapes are shipped to you Wed., 12th, together with one extra one for a "bonus" just because you are being a "good little boy;" and isn't this the time for token gifts at least!

The extra tape, "DEAR FATHER!" is made by my layman protegee and is directed to the non-traditional priests, so if you have a chance to let one of them listen, do so. Don't give it to them! Loan it, and ask for their opinion on it when they have heard it! It is the way to make it work. Otherwise it may just be discarded at your expense and serve no purpose.

I enjoyed reading your beautiful, crisp and newsy letter, for which surely your traditional, wide-flung parishioners love you.

Regarding the JBS, well that is something else with which I do not go along. Of course, it is tragic that so many Catholics have not been given any other alternatives to fighting Communism except by joining the JBS group, i.e. so they thought...

In the several groups of traditionalists I serve, we have the same involvement in the JBS by some of our best people. What we do know is that they take in everyone, INCLUDING MASONS, and they do soft-peddle Masonry, from Robert Welch down who condones and defends Masons as "among the best patriots." R. W.'s "upward reach" has nothing to do with the Christian and Catholic spiritual ideals which we must teach as a minimum to gain our eternal goal. For reference RW's Blue Book suffices, in this regard.

At best, as far as I can tell, Dear Father Jones, the JBS is an agency which NEUTRALIZES what your heroic efforts are trying to accomplish, that of SAVING SOULS. You may draw the ultimate conclusions from these few statements I have made, on your own... Though I have never been a member of JBS, for a long time I sympathized with all I then knew of it, but I found out that ALL IS NOT WHAT IT SEEMS TO BE TO THE VERY MANY CATHOLIC JBS MEMBERS...

Father, every ounce of your time and energy in this era is so very precious; and it may not be wasted on anything that is even the slightest sense SECOND RATE, to say nothing about WORSE THAN THAT!

You and I thank God above all that we are HIS PRIESTS, not presidents of an assembly, not politicians, not sociologists, etc. which is ALL SECOND RATE; and where important, it is to be left to others who are motivated by our TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC ETERNAL VALUES... God does not need religiously perverted souls to help Him right any wrongs in any field of human activity. The basic issues are THEOLOGICAL. That is what you and I guide people by, and this is more than a full time job by itself.

In disillusioning JBS enthusiast, you better go easy, Father. Be very prudent or they will bite your head off. I know! I am 41 years older than you, and I have had my eyes open, and often enough I have had to HAVE THEM OPENED FOR ME BY OTHERS which often enough called for a bit more humility than I was able to put forth at the time... Yet, TRUTH & HUMILITY GO TOGETHER, and if I love one, I must love the other. You are from Colorado and I from Wisconsin, but both of us must be "from Missouri" as the old saying goes, i.e. "You've got to show me!"

Please say a prayer that my No. 3 on THE TRUE MASS TAPES which comes out hopefully in Jan. is one on which I say what needs to be said like on the previous No. 1 and No. 2. I assume you have these. If not, I enclose the LIST FROM B-J, where I picked up your letter today.

I also enclose a copy of APOSTLES VS APOSTATES which I wrote in 1964 and which found its way into print in 65, in which I try to summarize for those who know, and alert those who do not. It is a mere outline which could be the outline of a book...

Father, you are a beautiful souls, and God loves you. Consecrate and reconsecrate yourself and all your efforts to the Sacred Heart through the Immaculate Heart of His Blessed Mother. USE your Guardian Angel, for he is worth more than ten of the best so-called Public Relation Groups...

Sorry to be so long-winded, but that is my weakness. When you should get into this area, you are most welcome here, remember that. And if I should get into yours, I'll take that for granted.

"THANK GOD FOR YOUR GUTS!" If anyone thinks this is a rough saying, what do they think then of INSULTING GOD WITH THE NOVUS ORDO!? That thing is at best A VALID SACRILEGE, and Satan wants nothing more than that!

Blessings and Mementos, dear Father Jones, and please say DITTO!

In the Sacred Hearts,

Father Altenbach
6136 West K. K. Parkway
Milwaukee, WI 53219

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A MESSAGE OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

While I am ever grateful for your prayers helping me in my work, for the Christmas cards and donations sent to me, I am in no position to individually answer all the good wishes I have received. But I assure each of you that you are all included in my daily prayers and also in my Masses - asking Our Lord to reward all the benefactors with temporal and eternal blessing.

I wish to all of you a truly blessed, joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Rev. J. Vida Elmer
St. Michael's Chapel
P. O. Box 85
Glenmont, NY 12077

Editor's note: My sentiments & situation also. Father Jones.

Bruce & Laura Gotts are a lovely traditional Catholic couple who live southeast of Durango, Colorado, not very far from the airport. Bruce has put in a beautiful fruit orchard on their little farm. He is also a professional artist. Below are a few photos of some of the large oil painting he has made.

Mary Bollinger of Olathe, Colo. worked for a couple months this winter as a lay volunteer in I.H.M. School in Westcliffe. Here she is pictured with 4 of the children of John & Becky Moreland who were over visiting one week from Olathe.

LAST MINUTE NEWS AND VIEWS

ANNE WITZELL FOUND ALIVE & WELL. A subscriber in Thunder Bay, Ontario, located her. She called me and gave me her new address and apologized for not being in touch for so long. She mailed me two beautiful pair of moccasins which she said she had intended to send over a year ago. She had been on a vacation and had spent some time recovering from an operation.

LYNDON H. LAROUCHE JR. 1984 CANDIDATE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S U. S. PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION. Our enemy doesn't want you to know about him. Wonder why? For more information write: THE LAROUCHE CAMPAIGN, P. O. Box 2150, GPO, New York, NY 10116.

THE LITTLE FLOWER SHOP, 118 W. 3rd, Pueblo, CO 81003, has thousands and thousands of lovely rosaries at very very reasonable prices.

Getting into my brother Doug's elk hunting camp was no easy task. We chained up on all fours and it still took us 6 hours to go five miles.

On the way in we broke an axle on my camper trailer. Doug Jones, my brother, surveys the situation.

On the way out even experienced brother Doug had his share of problems.

Rev. Craig Lewis & I hunted elk together this year. We each filled our licences.

A beautiful traditional Catholic family from Loveland, Colo.: Ray, Corry, Tracy, Eric, Therese and Christina McDowell.

We really love watching little Rosemarie Davis growing up. She is such a happy baby!

MASS SCHEDULE

(Traditional Latin)

May	6	1984 -------	Pueblo (1404 East 21st St.)..	10:00 A.M.
May	13	----------	Pueblo	10:00 A.M.
May	13	----------	Westcliffe (303-783-2491)....	5:00 P.M.
May	20	----------	Stratton (303-962-3522).....	8:00 A.M.
May	27	----------	Pueblo	10:00 A.M.
May	27	----------	Westcliffe.....	5:00 P.M.
May	31	ASCENSION---	Westcliffe.....	8:00 A.M.
June	3	----------	Durango (303-884-2526).....	10:00 A.M.
June	10	----------	Pueblo	10:00 A.M.
June	10	----------	Westcliffe	5:00 P.M.
June	17	----------	Pueblo	10:00 A.M.
June	24	----------	Pueblo	10:00 A.M.
June	24	----------	Westcliffe	5:00 P.M.
July	1	----------	Pueblo	10:00 A.M.
July	8	----------	Pueblo	10:00 A.M.
July	8	----------	Westcliffe	5:00 P.M.
July	15	----------	Westcliffe	8:00 A.M.
July	22	----------	Pueblo	10:00 A.M.
July	22	----------	Westcliffe	5:00 P.M.
July	29	----------	Olathe (303-323-5321).....	10:00 A.M.

The 16 children of Carl & Jan Bollinger of Olathe, Colorado. The two older girls are married now and have several children of their own. The bank has threatened to foreclose on their home, but they have come to learn that when God is in the parlor, He provides; and each month so far this year just enough comes in from one place or another to hold the creditors off for a little while longer. Carl detests having to pay out so much in INTEREST, which the Bible condemns and forbids. Our debt money system and usury banking setup in America is one of our greatest crimes against our citizens and a big sin before God.